## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 136 By Hill

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lucinda Mae Bell Tillman on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Lucinda Mae Tillman will celebrate her 100th birthday on February 20, 2005, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of William and Sallie Howard Bell, Lucinda Mae Bell Tillman was born and raised in Sharon, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, 100 years later, Lucinda Mae Tillman is a highly respected member of the Johnson City community; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 1926, Lucinda Mae was joined in marriage with Robert Leon Tillman and the couple's blessed union produced two daughters, Peggy and Bobbie; and

WHEREAS, for over twenty-five years, Lucinda Mae Tillman served with acumen and alacrity as the owner and manager of Tillman's Ideal Dry Cleaning Company in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and clients alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, as Lucinda Mae Tillman approaches her 11th decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, highly respected and admired by her peers, Mrs. Tillman has served with distinction on several occasions as President of the North Chattanooga Garden Club; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable lady has received the noteworthy and well-deserved award of Chattanooga Distinguished Woman of the Year in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tillman has utilized her talents and skills to distinguish herself as one of the longest serving volunteers at Erlanger Hospital and has earned recognition for her meritorious service of over fifty years with the American Red Cross Gray Ladies; and

WHEREAS, a life-long member of the United Methodist Church, Mrs. Tillman has loyally served both Forrest Avenue United Methodist Church and First Centenary United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Lucinda Mae Tillman on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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